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SUBJECT: CRIME PREVENTION - PRESIDENT TURBAY CALLS FOR  
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO DEAL WITH CRIME AND INSECURITY

1. ON AUGUST 17, PRESIDENT TURBAY SENT CONGRESS A SPECIAL MESSAGE, URGING ACTION BY BOTH HOUSES TO DEAL WITH CRIME AND INSECURITY. IN HIS MESSAGE, HE SAID THAT COLOMBIA DEMANDED "PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST INSECURITY AND THE ADVANCE OF CRIME IN VARIOUS FORMS" AND CALLED UPON "ALL SECTORS" TO BECOME "INVOLVED IN THE GREAT CRUSADE AGAINST CRIME". DECLARING THAT THE STATE MUST BE ARMED WITH THE "NECESSARY TOOLS", HE SUGGESTED THAT EACH OF THE STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES IN THE TWO HOUSE ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES TO STUDY PENDING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND WORK OUT APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS IN COLLABORATING WITH THE MINISTERS HAVING CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITIES.  
HE FIXED A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS FOR COMPLETION OF SUCH STUDIES.

2. COMMENT: IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, TURBAY MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE INTENDED TO FIGHT CRIME, INCLUDING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, AND INSECURITY WITH ALL RESOURCES AT HIS DISPOSAL. HIS MESSAGE OF AUGUST 17 IS FURTHER

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EVIDENCE THAT "LAW AND ORDER" WILL BE A WATCHWORD OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. WHILE HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY IN HIS WAR ON CRIME, ISOLATED VOICES ARE

BEING HEARD WARNING OF THE DANGER THAT INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS COULD BE CURTAILED IN THE PROCESS.  
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